

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 were pending, claims 4-8 are withdrawn. Claim 1 has been amended. No new matter is added. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections.

Claims 1-3 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101. Applicants have amended Claim 1 in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion, to recite an "isolated and purified" polypeptide. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

Claims 1-3 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as anticipated by the direct submission to Genbank of sequence AF529213. Applicants respectfully submit that the publication date of the Genbank submission was not the date of deposit, but was held confidential until August 1, 2003. Attached herewith is a letter from the Genbank Direct Submission Staff to co-author and inventor Hsu, stating that the sequences would not be released until August 1, 2003. As this date was after the priority date of the present application, the publication is not available as art under 35 U.S.C. 102(a).

In view of the above remarks and attached document, Applicants respectfully submit that the present claims meets the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 102(a). Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

CONCLUSION

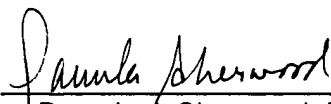
Applicants submit that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a Telephone Conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, she is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number STAN-284.

Respectfully submitted,

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